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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002. Please enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 17-20.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner required restriction of the application to one of two inventions, wherein the first invention includes claims 1-16 (drawn to compositions) and the second invention includes claims 17-20 (drawn to methods). The applicant respectfully disagrees, nevertheless **elects the first set of claims without traverse** to advance prosecution. The first invention reads on claims 1-16. Consequently, the applicant requests **cancellation of claims 17-20** without prejudice.

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